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H.R. No. 1198

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of National Youth Service Day on  
2 April 15-17, 2005, Children's Legal Services of Houston is hosting  
3 the Kids Clothesline Project to raise awareness of abused and  
4 neglected children in Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, In 2002, there were approximately 50 child  
6 fatalities resulting from abuse in Harris County and more than 600  
7 active cases in Travis County involving children who were removed  
8 from their homes due to severe abuse, neglect, or abandonment; a  
9 nonprofit organization, Children's Legal Services of Houston works  
10 to provide zealous and informed legal advocacy to children who are  
11 involved in the legal process; and

12           WHEREAS, With the sponsorship of Youth Service America and  
13 funding by the DisneyHand Minnie Grant, Children's Legal Services  
14 of Houston is sponsoring an art project and exhibit to call  
15 attention to the tragic epidemic of child abuse; the organization  
16 provided T-shirts and art supplies to children in Houston and  
17 Austin area women's shelters and invited them to express their  
18 feelings about and experiences of abuse or neglect, either in words  
19 or pictures, by decorating the T-shirts; those shirts are displayed  
20 in clothesline fashion as testimony to the problem of violence  
21 against children, and they are being exhibited at the Family Law  
22 Center in Houston on April 14 and at the State Capitol in Austin on  
23 April 15; and

24           WHEREAS, One of the most important tools in eliminating child

1 abuse and neglect is public awareness, and through the Kids  
2 Clothesline Project, Children's Legal Services of Houston is  
3 helping to change the way our communities view and address violence  
4 against children; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend Children's Legal Services of Houston for  
7 their admirable efforts to raise awareness of child abuse and  
8 neglect in Texas through the Kids Clothesline Project on National  
9 Youth Service Day; and, be it further

10       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Children's Legal Services of Houston as an expression  
12 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.